

**Honorable Wallace A. Lee – District Court Judge**  
Serving Garfield, Kane, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier and Wayne counties



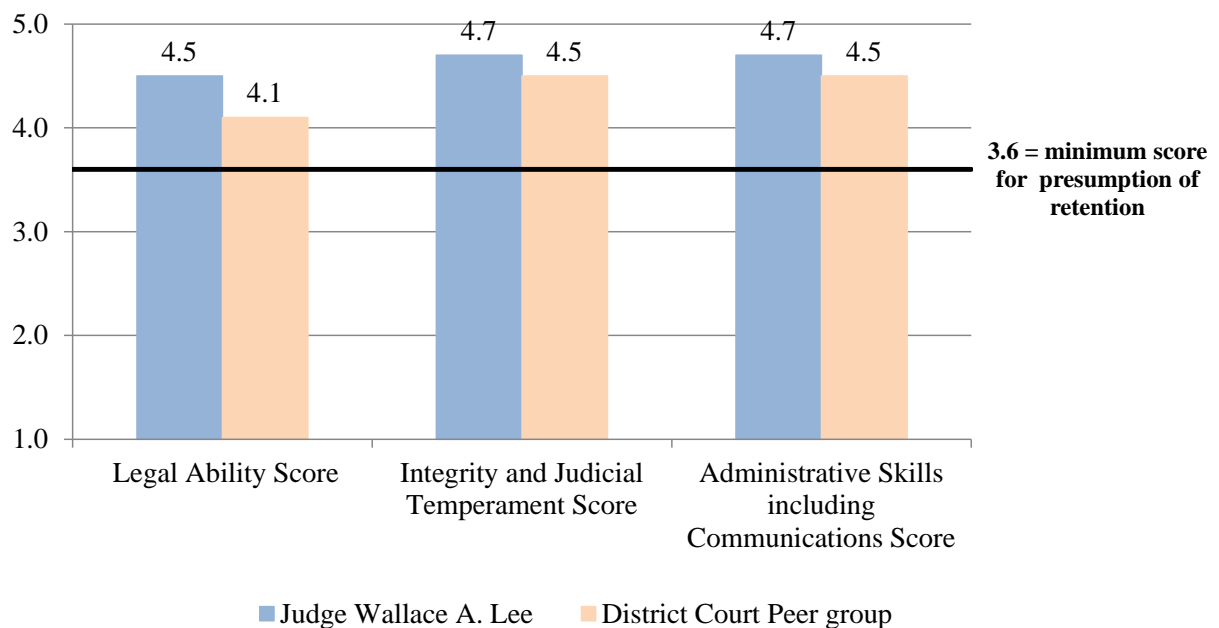
**Commission Recommendation: RETAIN**  
(vote count: 12-0 for retention)

Judge Wallace Lee earned survey scores well above the average of his district court peer group in all survey categories. Survey respondents described Judge Lee as fair, respectful, and consistently well-prepared. Respondents also noted his patient yet authoritative demeanor, his well-reasoned and decisive rulings, and his professionalism. Of adjectives that respondents selected from a list to describe Judge Lee, 100% were positive. Courtroom observers characterized Judge Lee as a highly effective courtroom manager who consistently remained courteous and considerate in his treatment of all individuals. Of survey respondents who answered the retention question, 98% recommended that Judge Wallace Lee be retained.

The commission reviewed surveys and courtroom observation reports in addition to verifying that Judge Lee has met all time standards, judicial education requirements, and discipline standards established by the judicial branch.

Judge Wallace A. Lee was appointed to the Sixth District Court in 2005 by Gov. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. Judge Lee received a law degree from the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University in 1988. After graduating from law school, he practiced with the St. George law firm of Thompson, Hughes & Reber. He later established a private practice in Panguitch and served as Garfield County Attorney and Panguitch City Attorney. Judge Lee has been a member of the Standing Committee on Judicial Branch Education and the Board of District Court Judges. He presently serves as a member of the Committee on Remote Services.

**This judge has met all minimum performance standards established by law.**



## **Honorable Steven Wallace – Justice Court Judge**

Serving Orderville Municipal Justice Court, Kane County

### **Commission Recommendation: **RETAIN****

(vote count: 13-0 for retention)



Part-time justice court judges standing for retention in 2014 are required to meet three minimum performance standards adopted by the judicial branch and enacted by the legislature. Judge Wallace met these standards:

1. He participated annually in no less than 30 hours of continuing legal education for each year of his current term;
2. He held no cases under advisement for more than two months; and
3. He has not been the subject of any public reprimands issued by the Judicial Conduct Commission or the Utah Supreme Court during his term of office.

Based solely on compliance with these standards, the commission recommends retention for Judge Wallace.

Judge Steven Wallace was appointed to the Orderville Justice Court in May 2010. He previously served as a county judge in Orlando, Florida, before retiring and moving to Utah in 2004. He holds a law degree from Florida State University. Judge Wallace served as chief assistant public defender in Florida's 20th Circuit, then served 11 years as a prosecutor in the 9th Circuit, the last seven years as chief assistant state attorney, before his appointment to the bench in 1988. Judge Wallace has authored many articles on the law and courts.

## Honorable Christine M. Durham – Supreme Court Justice

Serving the State of Utah

### Commission Recommendation: **RETAIN**

(vote count: 12-0 for retention)

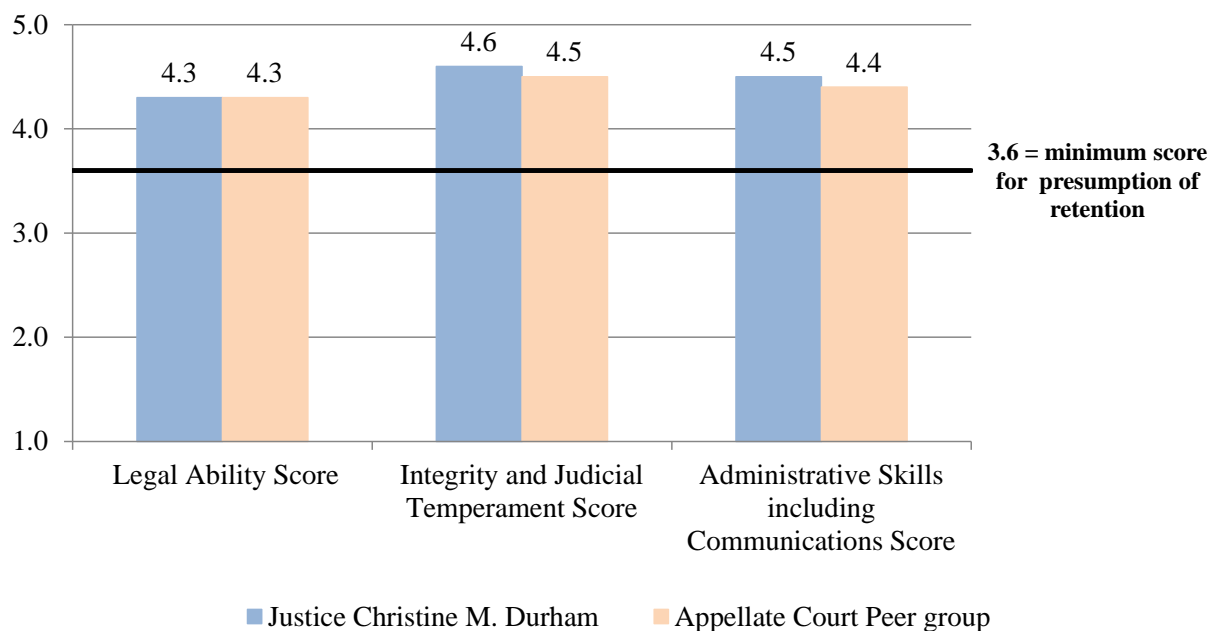


Appointed to the Utah Supreme Court in 1982, Justice Christine Durham served as Chief Justice from 2002 to 2012, and is highly respected by attorneys and court staff. Survey respondents overwhelmingly characterized Justice Durham as intelligent and knowledgeable. They also gave her a perfect score for the diligence of her work habits, noting her excellent preparation for court proceedings and her attentiveness. Some expressed concern that her opinions seem to be based on desired results rather than prior decisions. Of survey respondents who answered the retention question, 86% recommended that Justice Durham be retained.

The commission reviewed surveys in addition to verifying that Justice Durham has met all time standards, judicial education requirements, and discipline standards established by the judicial branch.

Justice Christine Durham was appointed to the Utah Supreme Court in 1982, and served as Chief Justice from 2002 to 2012. Previously she served on the District Court and in private practice. She earned an A.B. from Wellesley College and a J.D. from Duke University. Justice Durham has been active in judicial education and civic education, serving on the Utah Coalition for Civic, Character, and Service Education and the Utah Commission on Civic Education. She taught state constitutional law for many years, and spent 12 years on the Utah Constitutional Revision Commission. She has received honorary degrees from four Utah colleges and universities, and has been recognized nationally for her work in judicial education and efforts to improve the administration of justice.

**This judge has met all minimum performance standards established by law.**



## **Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant – Supreme Court Justice**

Serving the State of Utah

### **Commission Recommendation: **RETAIN****

(vote count: 11-0 for retention)

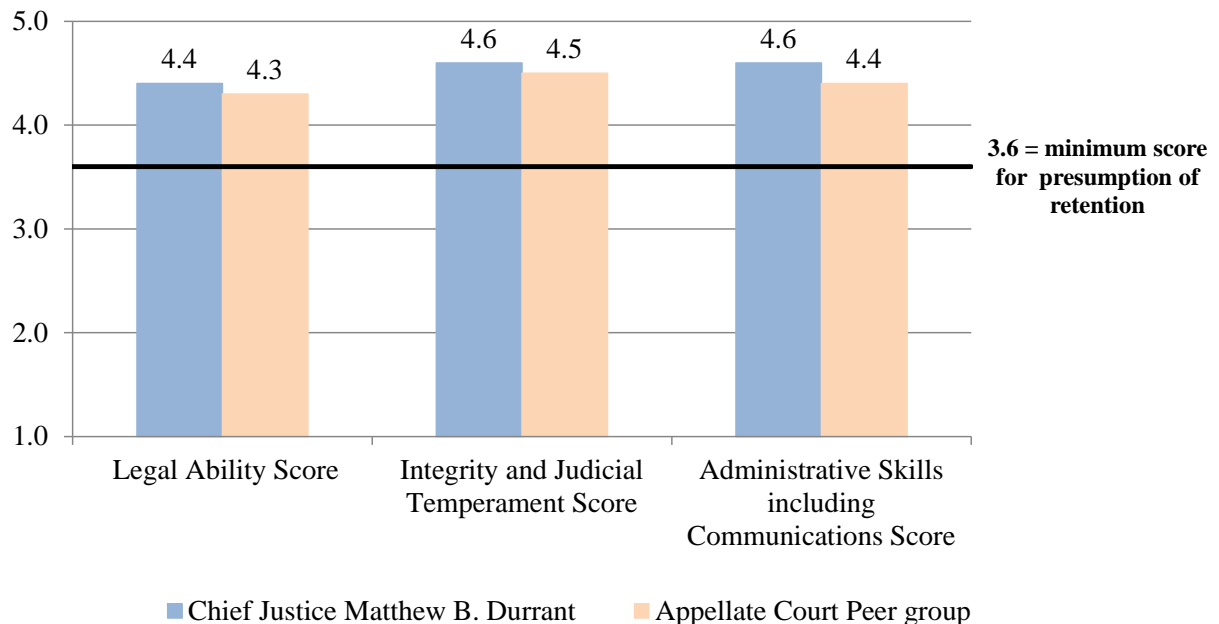


Appointed to the Utah Supreme Court in 2000 and elected Chief Justice in 2012, Chief Justice Matthew Durrant is a well-respected judge, characterized by survey respondents as intelligent and calm. Respondents cited with approval his polite demeanor and civility in the courtroom. Of adjectives selected by respondents to describe Chief Justice Durrant, 99% were positive. Respondents characterized him as humble and noted his respectful behavior towards courtroom participants. Respondents also gave Chief Justice Durrant a perfect score for the diligence of his work habits. Of survey respondents who answered the retention question, 92% recommended that Chief Justice Durrant be retained.

The commission reviewed surveys in addition to verifying that Chief Justice Durrant has met all time standards, judicial education requirements, and discipline standards established by the judicial branch.

Chief Justice Matthew B. Durrant was appointed to the Supreme Court in January 2000 after serving as a trial judge. His Supreme Court colleagues unanimously elected him Chief Justice and Chair of the Judicial Council in March 2012. Chief Justice Durrant graduated from Harvard Law School in 1984, served a federal appellate clerkship, and then joined the Parr, Brown law firm, where he practiced law and was a shareholder when appointed to the bench. He has served on various committees within the judiciary and was chair of both the Code of Judicial Conduct Committee and the Technology Committee. He was founding chair of the Professionalism Committee. Chief Justice Durrant has also taught as an adjunct law professor at the J. Reuben Clark Law School.

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## Honorable Thomas R. Lee – Supreme Court Justice

Serving the State of Utah

### Commission Recommendation: **RETAIN**

(vote count: 11-0 for retention)

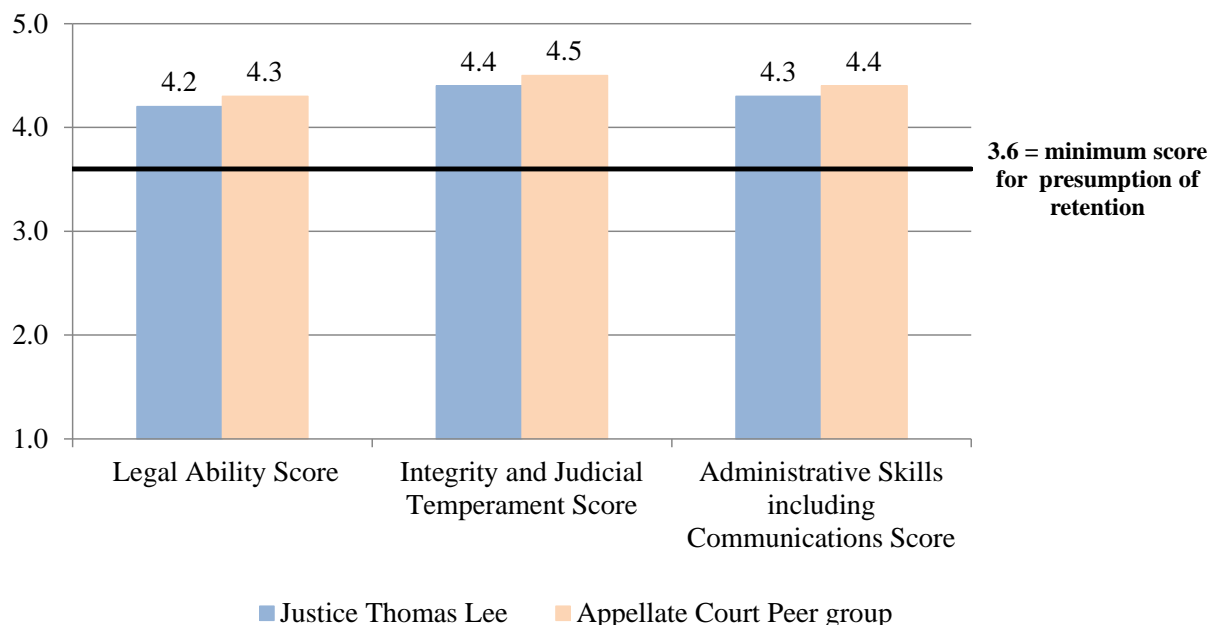


Appointed in 2010, Justice Thomas Lee was described by a majority of survey respondents as vigorous in his preparations, confident in his rulings, and thoroughly knowledgeable about legal principles and procedures. He earned a perfect score for his diligent work habits. Most survey respondents characterized Justice Lee as extremely intelligent and particularly thoughtful in his application of the law. Some noted an arrogant demeanor and a style that was sometimes dismissive. Of those who answered the retention question, 89% recommended that Justice Lee be retained.

The commission reviewed surveys in addition to verifying that Justice Lee has met all time standards, judicial education requirements, and discipline standards established by the judicial branch.

Thomas R. Lee was appointed to the Utah Supreme Court by Governor Gary Herbert in 2010. Justice Lee graduated with high honors from the University of Chicago Law School in 1991. After law school, he served as a law clerk at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and then at the United States Supreme Court. Justice Lee then joined the Salt Lake City law firm now known as Parr, Brown, Gee & Loveless, where he was a partner. From 1997-2010, Justice Lee was a professor on the law faculty at Brigham Young University. During that time he also maintained a part-time law practice, arguing cases in federal courts throughout the country and in the United States Supreme Court.

**This judge has met all minimum performance standards established by law.**



## Honorable Michele M. Christiansen – Utah Court of Appeals

Serving the State of Utah



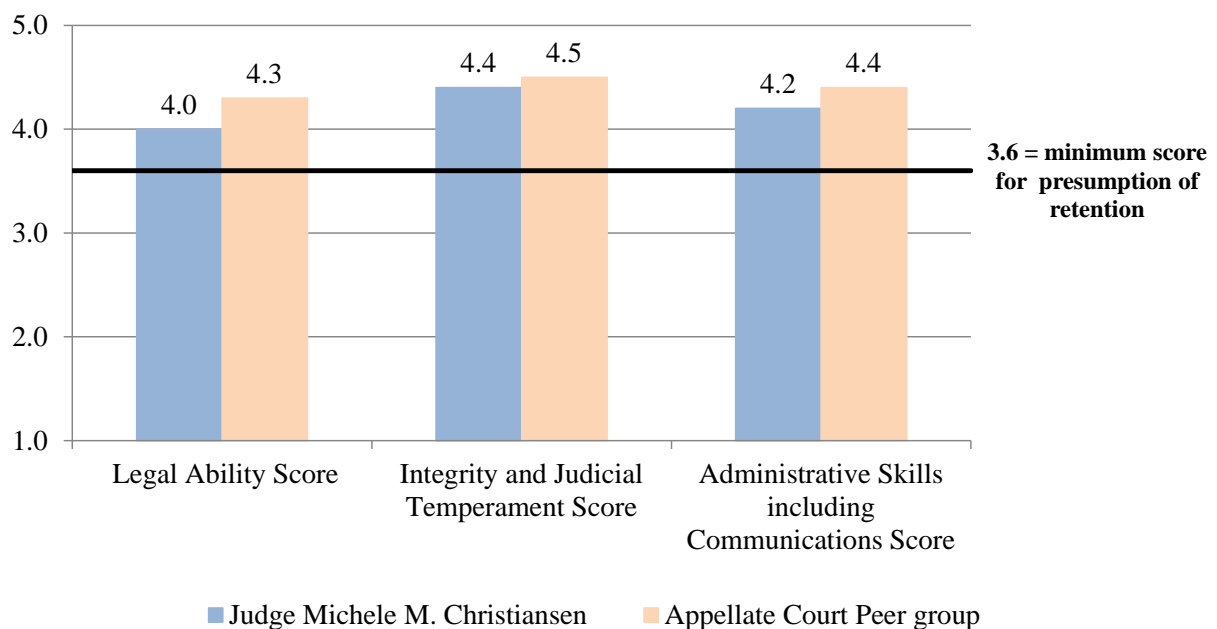
### Commission Recommendation: **RETAIN**

(vote count: 12-0 for retention)

Appointed to the court of appeals in 2010 after three years as a trial court judge, Judge Michele Christiansen scored consistent with the average of her appellate court peers in all survey categories. Survey respondents characterized Judge Christiansen as attentive, polite, and intelligent, scoring her most favorably for the equal respect she shows all courtroom participants. Of the adjectives chosen to describe her, 90% were positive. Of respondents who answered the retention question, 86% recommended that Judge Christiansen be retained. Despite these commendable survey results, Judge Christiansen was slow in writing opinions and thus did not meet the judiciary's minimum performance standard governing timeliness of opinions. The commission has some concern about a pattern of lateness; however, because the conditions affecting Judge Christiansen's performance appear to be temporary and her survey results are solidly acceptable, the commission recommends that Judge Christiansen be retained.

The commission reviewed surveys in addition to verifying that Judge Christiansen has met all judicial education requirements and discipline standards established by the judicial branch.

Judge Michele M. Christiansen was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals in June 2010 after serving for three years as a Third District Court judge. After graduating from the University of Utah College of Law, she clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Tena Campbell. She then worked in private practice at Parsons Behle & Latimer, as a federal prosecutor, and as General Counsel for Governor Jon Huntsman. Judge Christiansen currently serves as co-chair of the Utah State Bar's Pro Bono Commission, serves on the Utah Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure, the Judicial Council's Ethics Advisory Committee, is chair of the Judicial Council's Commissioner Conduct Committee, and is an adjunct professor at the U of U College of Law.



## Honorable James Z. Davis – Utah Court of Appeals

Serving the State of Utah

### Commission Recommendation: **RETAIN**

(vote count: 11-0 for retention)

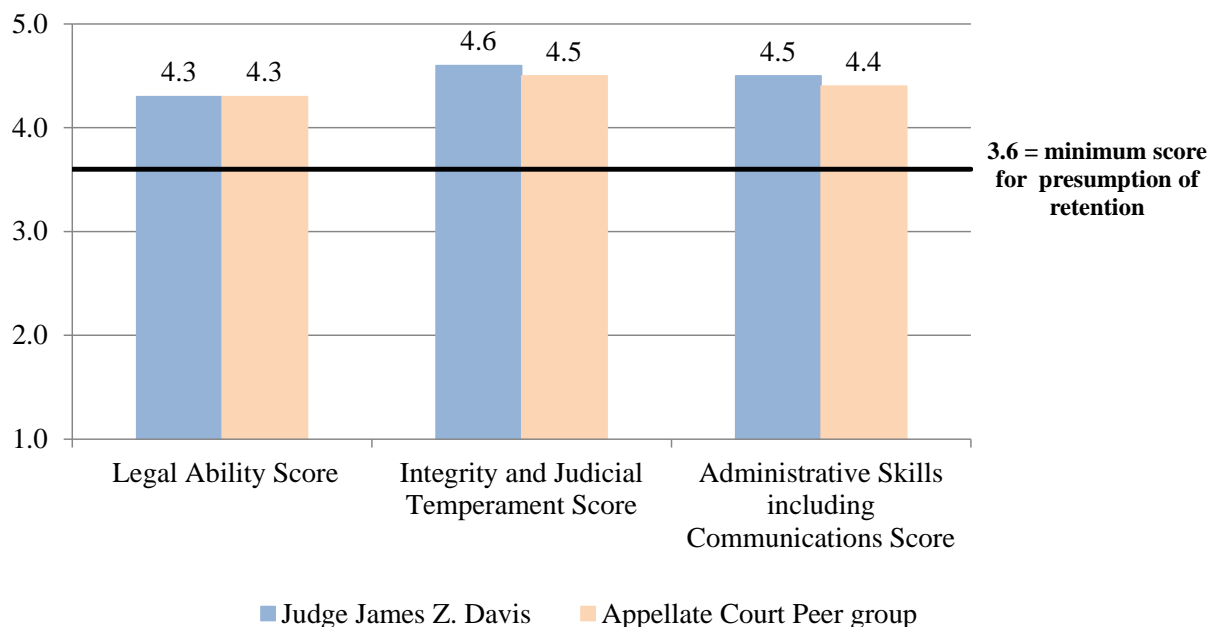


Judge James Davis is an experienced and well-regarded judge who has served on the Utah Court of Appeals since 1993. Survey respondents frequently characterized him as knowledgeable and polite. In selecting adjectives from a list to describe Judge Davis, respondents chose 97% positive words. They also noted his diligent work habits and commented favorably on his integrity and his timely decisions. Of survey respondents who answered the retention question, 90% recommended that Judge Davis be retained.

The commission reviewed surveys in addition to verifying that Judge Davis has met all time standards, judicial education requirements, and discipline standards established by the judicial branch.

Judge James Z. Davis was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals by Gov. Michael O. Leavitt in November 1993. After earning a law degree from the University of Utah College of Law in 1968, he served in U.S. Army military intelligence until 1970. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Davis worked in private practice, served as Deputy Weber County Attorney and Weber County Police Legal Advisor, worked as a partner at Thatcher, Glasmann & Davis, and was a shareholder and director at Ray, Quinney & Nebeker. Judge Davis served as president of the Utah State Bar from 1991 to 1992. He also served two terms as presiding judge of the Utah Court of Appeals.

### **This judge has met all minimum performance standards established by law.**



## Honorable Gregory K. Orme – Utah Court of Appeals

Serving the State of Utah

### Commission Recommendation: **RETAIN**

(vote count: 11-0 for retention)

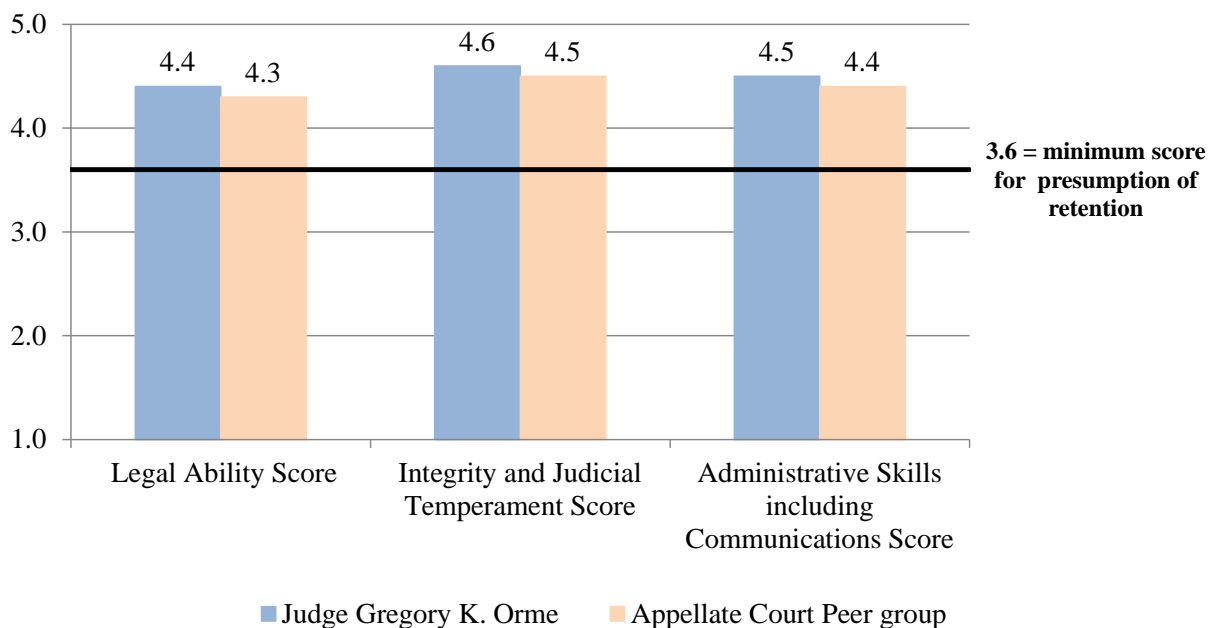


Appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals in 1987, Judge Gregory Orme is an experienced judge whom survey respondents describe as intelligent and congenial, with a few noting his clever and humorous style. The majority of survey respondents characterized Judge Orme as thoughtful in his questioning, kind in his demeanor, and careful and thorough in his approach. Many valued his years of experience and the wealth of knowledge he brings to the court of appeals. Of those survey respondents who answered the retention question, 92% recommended that Judge Orme be retained.

The commission reviewed surveys in addition to verifying that Judge Orme has met all time standards, judicial education requirements, and discipline standards established by the judicial branch.

Judge Gregory K. Orme, who grew up in Ogden, graduated from the University of Utah in 1975. Three years later, he received his law degree with high honors from George Washington University. In 1987, after several years in private law practice in Salt Lake City, he was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals by Gov. Norman Bangerter. He has continuously served on the court since then, including a term as the court's presiding judge and four terms as the court's representative on the Utah Judicial Council. He has also served for many years on the Utah Sentencing Commission. Judge Orme received the Utah State Bar's award for Young Lawyer of the Year in 1986 and its award for Judge of the Year in 2007.

**This judge has met all minimum performance standards established by law.**





## **Honorable Stephen L. Roth – Utah Court of Appeals**

Serving the State of Utah



### **Commission Recommendation: **RETAIN****

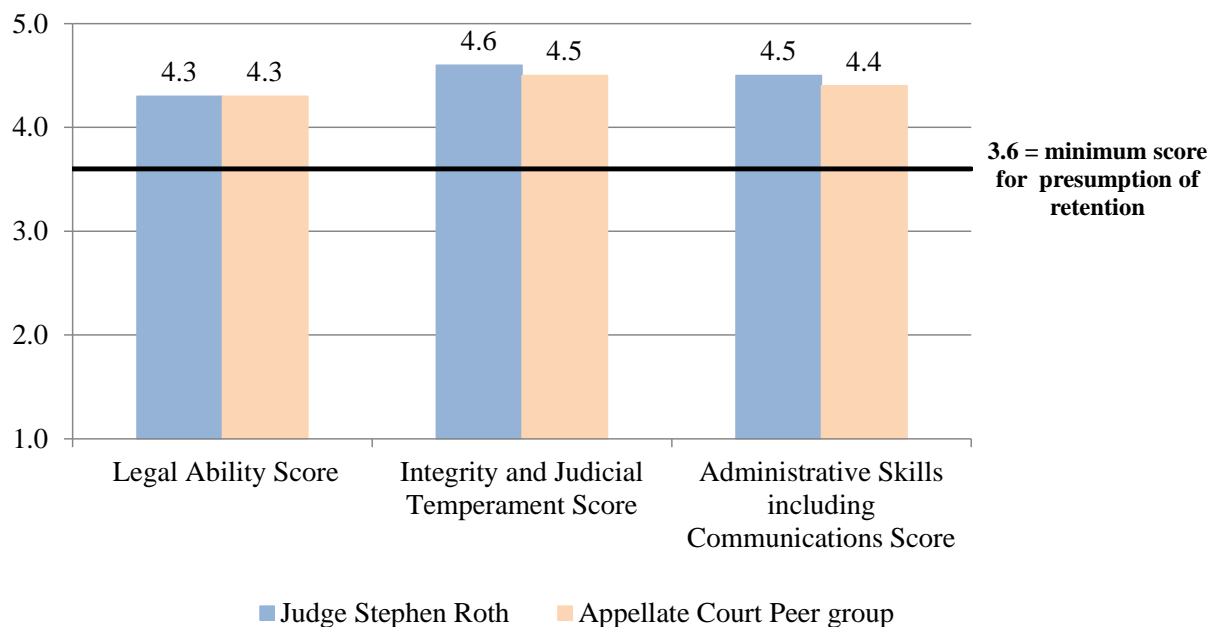
(vote count: 12-0 for retention)

Appointed to the court of appeals in 2010 after serving eight years as a trial court judge, Judge Stephen Roth is known for his hard work and respectful demeanor. Survey respondents gave him a perfect score for the diligence of his work habits and recognized his impartial manner and respect for all. Most respondents characterized Judge Roth's decisions as objective, reasoned and thoughtful. Adjectives used to describe Judge Roth include intelligent, attentive and knowledgeable, and the majority of survey respondents characterized him as conscientious, polite and dedicated to fairness. Of those who answered the retention question, 93% recommended that Judge Roth be retained.

The commission reviewed surveys in addition to verifying that Judge Roth has met all time standards, judicial education requirements, and discipline standards established by the judicial branch.

Judge Stephen L. Roth was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals in March 2010, after eight years as a Third District Court judge. He graduated with honors from Brigham Young University Law School in 1977. Judge Roth worked in private practice until 1991, and then served as an Assistant United States Attorney until his appointment to the bench in 2002. He chairs the Committee on Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants and is a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, the state bar Litigation Section's Executive Committee, and the Aldon Anderson Inn of Court. Judge Roth served in the United States Marine Corps from 1970 to 1974 and has worked as a farmhand in Idaho and a steelworker in Arizona.

### **This judge has met all minimum performance standards established by law.**

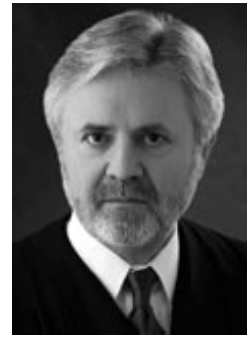


## Honorable J. Frederic Voros Jr. – Utah Court of Appeals

Serving the State of Utah

### Commission Recommendation: **RETAIN**

(vote count: 12-0 for retention)



Appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals in 2009, Judge Frederic Voros is characterized by survey respondents as a hard worker who is diligent in his preparations and fair in his opinions. Adjectives most often used to describe him include intelligent, attentive and knowledgeable. Most respondents praised Judge Voros, noting his confident manner and commitment to excellence. Of survey respondents who answered the retention question, 92% recommended that Justice Voros be retained.

The commission reviewed surveys in addition to verifying that Judge Voros has met all time standards, judicial education requirements, and discipline standards established by the judicial branch.

Judge J. Frederic Voros Jr. was appointed to the Utah Court of Appeals by Gov. Gary R. Herbert in 2009 and currently serves as presiding judge. After earning his bachelor's and law degrees from Brigham Young University, he clerked for Justice Dallin H. Oaks on the Utah Supreme Court. Judge Voros practiced law with Prince, Yeates & Geldzahler and Poole & Associates before joining the Criminal Appeals Division of the Utah Attorney General's Office in 1991, where he served for 18 years, the last ten as division chief. He was named 2005 Adjunct Professor of the Year at the S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah. He has served on the Utah Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Rules of Appellate Practice since 1995.

**This judge has met all minimum performance standards established by law.**

